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**APPLES OF GOLD IN PICTURES OF SILVER.**

**FOR PRESIDENT:**  
SAMUEL J. TILDEN,  
OF NEW YORK.

**FOR VICE PRESIDENT:**  
THEODORA HENDRICKS,  
OF INDIANA.

**FOR GOVERNOR:**  
WM. R. BATES,  
OF DAVIDSON.

The news from Wall street is of a startling nature. Some of the richest men and the heaviest firms are following in the wake of the Grant & Ward's ten million failure. Stocks are falling and a panic is expected. The following is a condensed statement of today's financial casualties in New York and elsewhere: Metropolitan Bank of New York and Atlantic States Bank of Brooklyn were suspended. The latter bank was heavily concerned with the Metropolitan Bank, and its failure was a result of the Metropolitan failure. No other chartered banks have failed so far as announced. The following private bankers and brokers have failed: Hatch & Foster; Donnell, Lawson & Simpson; Hotchkiss & Burnham; O. M. Bojatis & Co.; Nelson, Robinson & Co.; A. Dyette & Co.; Goff & Randall, and Joseph C. Williams & Co. The first four firms were substantial concerns, and the amounts involved are very large.

Johnny Wino, the little, bombastic blackguard, from Virginia, has made an exhibition of himself at every possible chance, during the present session of Congress. He seems to be aware of the fact that he must soon stop down and out, and for that reason wants to be heard as much as possible while he is there. It is to be hoped that the House of Representatives will soon dispense with his services and let him return to his kitchen where he can entertain colored statesmen.

That the Democrats will abandon the struggle for reform is inconceivable. The only result of such a disgraceful retirement from its self-appointed task would be that they would not see the Republican party take up the task it now rejects, and by performing it regain the confidence of the country and retain its hold upon the Government. The Republicans are now as deep in the mire as the minority of the Democrats whom they have inveigled into their unfortunate position. The majority of the Democrats of the House are still on firm ground, and with a little wisdom may perhaps save their party from a possible dilemma.—Baltimore Sun.

The editor of the Bristol News devotes almost a column of his paper this week to a further attempt to explain his sudden conversion to Republican faith. He may have succeeded in easing his own conscience, but we are not yet satisfied with his explanation. At any rate Mr. Fowler has changed, and we hope he is now comfortable under his "painted blanket." It is unnecessary to notice the reasons that may have influenced Senator Joe Brown, Andrew Johnson and others to change their politics at one time in life, because we readily concede Mr. Fowler's right to change. We only want to know why he did so. If it was his opposition to "a tariff for revenue only," why was he ever a Democrat? But he says he is "grown older and knows more than he once knew." It is rather late in life for Mr. Fowler to rely upon the "baby act" or to plead infancy to his past political history. Does he now say that his life as the editor of a Democratic newspaper has been a failure? Does he admit that for twenty years he has been teaching heresy and serving the devil? Does he now repent having been one of those who have, for a quarter of a century, been "wrenching the Old Dominion from the front and pitching her to the rear?"

Mr. Fowler makes the shameful admission that he and his party in Virginia are for Arthur because Arthur is for them. In what way could Arthur aid the Readjuster party in Va., in adjusting a local question? Did President Arthur give Mr. Fowler's party patronage and offices because he favored Readjustment? Did the Readjusters, who are now for Arthur, go to him because he was a Republican or did they go to him because he gave them power and pelf? Do they now propose to be not only for Arthur but the nominee of the Chicago Republican Convention, because they are truly and sincerely Republicans or is it because they want to administer on the Federal offices in Virginia, and have despised of the Democrats coming into power? Did Mr. Mahone, who in 1881 claimed to be as good a Democrat as Ben Hill, rush into the Republican party because he was such a good Democrat, or was it because President Arthur has given him control of the patronage in Virginia? It is too late to say "a tariff for revenue only" has been the cause of all this.

We know that in 1880 this same party supported Hancock and the offensive tariff plank. We know that the editor of the News said in 1880, before the election, that the tariff plank had defeated Hancock. Why did not he and his party desert the Democratic ship then? We know that after Arthur was accidentally made President he gave Mahone's followers all the offices in Virginia, and that Mahone's followers have all suddenly changed into Republicans. The conclusion is irresistible. Without wishing to be offensive to the News, it looks to us very much like buying votes with offices. This talk about "liberalism" of the Republican party is the merest hush. When simmered down it means that that party is willing to purchase votes from the South with public patronage whenever it can.

It is sufficient to say of Mahone's platform that it endorses the Republican party, and for that reason we oppose it. Our objections to that party are legion. It is unnecessary to give them. If Mr. Fowler is still curious to know what they are, he can find them by examining the files of the Bristol News from 1868 to 1883. By such an examination he will find that the Republican party, instead of "invading the South with money and with steam," invaded it with military Governors, carpet baggers and plunderers. Instead of "multiplying manufacturing in the South," the Republicans multiplied the public debts of the Southern States, which will be mortgage on the taxable property of generations to come. Instead of making millions of people happy, the Republican party humiliated them by cheating them out of their rightfully elected President. The Civil Rights Bill, the Salary Grab, the Back Pay Sins, the Sanborn Frauds, the Freedmen's Bank Swindle, the Black Friday speculations, the DeGolyer pavement contracts, the Credit Mobilier, the Whiskey Ring frauds, the Post-trader scandal, the Star Route frauds and other frauds, steals and swindles whose names would be "legion," were all hatched and bred in the Republican party, of which the editor of the News is now a full fledged follower. Does he want to be confronted with more specific reasons for our objections? We have been drawn into writing more than we intended. We only wanted to hear of the wonders of this new salvation of the Mahone party in Virginia, and did not expect the editor of the News to draw us into a controversy when asked for his experience.

#### THE NEW ENGLAND EDITORS Stop at Johnson City and Visit Cranberry.

The thirty-five editors from way up North, who are making an extended trip through the South, arrived at Johnson City last Saturday on the midnight train. The special sleeping cars in which they were journeying were switched off on a side track. Sunday morning they were breakfasted at the City Hotel and Hoss House by the citizens of Johnson City. A special train had been furnished them by Col. T. E. Mason Sup't. of the E. T. & W. N. C. R. R., and at 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning they started for Cranberry. The excursion party was met here by Col. C. C. Powell, Judge E. H. Ingersoll, Dr. R. M. Rhea, Maj. J. R. Ogden and other citizens of Knoxville, and by Col. A. J. McWhirter, Commissioner of Agriculture, Col. W. D. Haynes of Blountville, Jno. Slack, of the Bristol Courier, Jno. E. Helms, of the Morristown Gazette, R. A. Kinslo, of the Jonesboro Journal, Gen. J. D. Imboden, of Bristol, and others. A number of citizens from Johnson City joined the party. When the train arrived at Elizabethton the crowd was further augmented by Col. T. E. Mason, Maj. H. M. Folsom, W. R. Fitzsimmons, of the Mountaineer, and perhaps others. The day was lovely and the ride up Doe River over the fine farms and through waving wheat fields was delightful. Capt. Wm. Miller was in charge as conductor, and "Rabbit-foot" Watson presided at the throttle. As the "Watanga" sped away through the level bottoms and over the long bridge and trestle at Valley Forge, Rabbit-foot in all his glory, looked back and smiled as if to say "I've got the 'charn' on her." At Hampton Judge Ingersoll and two or three others got out on the "cow-catcher" to ride. A few miles further on the engine gave the signal of warning and rushed through the second tunnel and the "Gorge" in all its awfulness and grandeur met the astonished gaze. Far below the line of road, the Doe, now a mad mountain stream, lashes and dashes itself into foam over its bed of boulders, while above the "rock ribbed mountain" rises to an immense height. At Pardec's Point the train stopped to give the visitors an opportunity to inspect the architecture of the Gorge. One editor remarked that he was never before so impressed with the idea of being in the presence of the Deity as when he stood on the railroad and gazed in awe at the overhanging, frowning cliffs, hundreds of feet above. An artist was in the party and he could not be restrained from quickly getting out his camera. Brush cannot paint or pencil describe this magnificent scenery. You must go there if you would see and feel it. Just after leaving the Gorge and while running tolerably fast, a cow jumped out of

the bushes on the railroad a few yards in front of the engine, but "Rabbit-foot" was on the lookout and blew down brakes and checked the train in time to prevent trouble, though it did not prevent the parties on the pilot from being put in a "state of alarm." After passing through the Crab Orchard and by Roon Mountain, Shell Creek and Elk Park at 10:30 we arrived at Cranberry. The party divided, lamps and flambeaux were secured and the mines were soon explored. The mines have been excavated two or three hundred feet under the mountain into the solid ore, which is removed by means of compressed air, drills and dynamite cartridges. The huge furnace, recently finished, is about sixty feet high and is now in full blast. The excursionists were astonished at the extent of the ore bed which seems to be absolutely inexhaustible. The party took dinner at the new Cranberry Hotel, and at half-past one o'clock started on the return trip, and at 4 o'clock arrived at Johnson City. The visiting editors were well pleased with the trip. On their arrival here they found a special train waiting, and at 4:30 o'clock they started for Knoxville, and were entertained at that place Monday. From there they went to Chattanooga. They will also visit Nashville and Atlanta, and at the latter place will disband and return home.

#### A Virginia Plan for Pensions.

Because Congressman John S. Wise, of Virginia, Mahone's henchman, served in the Confederate army constitutes no reason why he should not show the same magnificence in the matter of pensions that any other demagogue could show.

The House has under consideration a bill to confer pensions upon all prisoners of war. Mr. Wise proposes to go still further. He knows of a small class of citizens in the South who were firm in their attachment to the Union. Refusing to serve in the Confederate army they suffered long imprisonment. He has reached the conclusion that they ought to have pensions.

It is not pretended that these men served in the Federal army or that they were wounded or disabled. They simply refused to enter the Confederate army. There is no record of them other than that which may be preserved in the books of the Confederate prisons. Yet it is deliberately proposed that their names shall be added to the pension rolls on the oral testimony of themselves and their neighbors.

This is an indication that the enlargement of the pension list has become a mania with members of Congress. Scheme after scheme of the most dangerous kind is proposed and passed without the least knowledge of what the end will be or of the slightest protest against it as a precedent. The time may come when some public man will speak a few words of truth and sobriety which shall arrest these continued raids upon the Treasury, but thus far in the present Congress no Senator or Representative has raised his voice in protest.—Philadelphia Times.

#### The Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—In the House Mr. Cox of New York introduced a bill to place Gen. Grant on the retired list of the army. Mr. Payson of Illinois a bill to prevent aliens from acquiring real estate in the Territories, and Mr. O'Neill of Missouri a bill to abolish duties on articles of food. Mr. O'Neill estimates that his bill would reduce the revenues \$57,000,000.

Mr. Abram S. Hewitt introduced a bill amending the tariff. The bill provides for simplifying the administration of the custom laws. Cotton and cotton goods are not to pay a higher rate of duty than 40 per cent. ad valorem; hemp, jute, and flax, than 30 per cent.; wool and woollens, than 70 per cent.; carpets and carpeting, than 35 per cent.; earthenware, glassware, and metals, than 50 per cent. On chemicals, wood, provisions, books, sundries (other than precious stones), and sugar, there shall be levied 90 per cent. of the duties now imposed. The bill makes a number of reductions in the iron schedule, and number of additions to the free list.

The bill appropriating \$500,000 to complete the sewerage system of the District of Columbia was passed. Half the cost is to be charged to the District.

During a discussion on the bill to prohibit the sale of lottery tickets in the District of Columbia Mr. Browne of Indiana said the clerks in one of the Government departments expended \$10,000 monthly in lottery tickets.

#### Grant on the Retired List.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—In the Senate today Mr. Logan from the committee on military affairs, reported favorably the bill to place General Grant on the retired list. Mr. Logan asked that the bill be put at once upon its passage. Unanimous consent was given and the bill was at once read a third time and passed without debate or remark, except that Mr. Logan said he presumed there would be no objection to it. The bill provides that "in recognition of distinguished services rendered to the United States, General U. S. Grant, late General of the army, be placed on the retired list, with the rank and full pay of General of the army."

#### Willard's Hotel On Fire.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Not long after 10 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the boiler room of Willard's Hotel under the hatch. It is said that it burned for fifteen minutes or more before it was discovered. Then the flames were drawn up the shaft of the coal elevator, and the roof began to blaze, but the fire was soon extinguished at that point. The smoke was very dense, and several persons narrowly escaped suffocation, as the stairways were for a time impassable.

On none of the stories above the ground did the fire spread beyond the woodwork attachment to the shaft. The ceilings and carpets and some of the furniture in the vicinity of the shaft on the upper floors were drenched with water. On the first floor the fire burned its way through the toilet room and made a hole through the ceiling on the west side of the office. Chief Engineer Cronin estimates that the damage will not exceed \$15,000.

A great many people were badly frightened, but no one was hurt. Some ludicrous incidents occurred. Congressman Morrison pitched a trunkful of papers out of the window. The trunk burst as it struck the sidewalk, and the Congressman abandoned the rest of his property in his room to other hands while he devoted himself to securing the scattered documents in the street.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Jocelyn rescued a quantity of elegant millinery, the property of the ladies of his family. He was cheered when the crowd recognized him.

A couple of sick guests and one sick woman employee of the hotel were carefully carried out at the first alarm. Everybody has since been going on as usual.

#### CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, May 13.—In announcing his decision to dissolve the injunction against Tony J. Milane, of the Toledo Base Ball Club, obtained by the St. Louis Athletic Association, Judge Baxter said he did not think the time of courts should be occupied by base ball matters. Base ball playing was nothing which benefited the public in any way. It was not a business of any kind, merely a sport which it was beneath the dignity of the courts to notice.

#### PERJURY AND ARSON.

This evening Foreman Shaw, of the Berner jury, was arraigned before Judge Johnson, charged with perjury at the time he was examined as to his competency to serve on the jury. He was bound over in the sum of \$2,000. Wm. Hart, indicted for setting fire to the court-house, pleaded not guilty. Judge Johnson fixed his bail at \$5,000. This was given and Hart was released.

#### Tilden Is Their Choice.

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#### A Subscription Started for Gen. Grant.

ITHACA, May 13.—A subscription, was started today in this village for the benefit of Gen. Grant, to be known as the Grant Fund of Honor. A member of the Democratic County Committee heads the list, and the Ithaca Journal has charge of the money. It is intended that every one in Ithaca shall subscribe \$1 and no more. Quite a snug little sum, it is thought, will be raised in this way.

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On the other members of the firm of Grant & Ward, whose affairs have been placed in friendly hands, it is impossible to pass any more charitable judgment than that they must have been wonderfully ignorant of what was going on where they ought to have been informed, and phenomenally indifferent where they ought to have been keenly interested.—N. Y. Times.

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The Secretary of the Navy today took an excursion to meet Veran on the United States steamer Despatch about 150 guests, chiefly members of the diplomatic corps and their families and friends.

#### Charles O'Connor Dead.

NANTUCKET, MASS., May 13.—Among the last acts of the late Charles O'Connor was to pay the town debt of Nantucket. But his aversion to public notice was so great that the business was done through the firm of E. W. Perry & Co., who were under the strictest injunction not to tell who the donor was, and certainly not before the next annual meeting in 1885. His death has removed the bar of secrecy. Recently Mr. O'Connor went to New York to consult Dr. Key, his physician, and probably learned his physical condition, for on his return various additions were made to his will and various gifts were made, among which was the gift to the town. His two nephews, D. E. Shanon and T. O'Connor Shanon, of New York, and Miss Melving, his adopted daughter, will doubtless inherit the bulk of his property. His fine law library is going to Dr. Shanon, who is a lawyer of great merit in New York.

#### On To Chicago.

The fight which terminated in success for the Republicans and their allies Tuesday will be reopened and fought to a clear conclusion in the Democratic National Convention, at which place Mr. Randall will discover the enormous difference between standing alone and standing in the House of Representatives with the Republicans to egg him on the work of distracting the party which he makes so many pretenses of loving. The Democracy cannot abandon the cause of revenue reform if it would, and it would not if it could. It is bound to that by its platform, by its traditions, by its obligations to the laboring men of the country, and by the manhood which can afford defeat, but will on no terms submit to the dictation of a treacherous clique.—Brooklyn Eagle.

#### Chairman Barnum's Opinion.

Hon. Wm. H. Barnum, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, now in Washington, in an interview to-day said that his first choice for Democratic standard bearer in the coming race was "the old ticket," Tilden and Hendricks. This he thinks is strongest ticket the party can nominate. Should Mr. Tilden decline, Mr. Flower, of New York, in the opinion of Mr. Barnum, is the strongest man, and can carry New York by 60,000, and New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana and probably Ohio. After Mr. Flower, Mr. Barnum thinks Wendell is the next best man. He adds, "While expressing this individual opinion as to the relative strength of individuals, Mr. Barnum, when asked who he favored, replied, 'the nominee.'"

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#### A Life Saving Present.

Mr. M. E. Allison, Hutchinson, Kan., saved his life by a sample Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, for Consumption, which caused him to procure a large bottle, that completely cured him, when "Doctors," change of climate and everything else had failed. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, and all Throat and Lung diseases, it is guaranteed to cure. Trial Bottles free at J. B. Hash & Son's Drug Store. Large size \$1.00.

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